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OF

MANCHESTER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

No XLVIII,

OF

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETING OF THE CHAPTER.

The Stated Convocations of this Chapter shall be held at the Masons' Hall, in the town of Manchester, the first Thursday on or before the Full Moon in every month.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

§ 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be elected by ballot annually, at the stated convocation in June, but should any casualty prevent an election at that time, the officers for the time being shall retain their several stations till their successors be duly elected, which shall take place at the next called or stated convocation thereafter.

§ 2. The installation of the officers present shall immediately follow the election; such as may be absent shall be installed at the first subsequent meeting which they may attend.

§ 3. Before the election of officers takes place, the list of delinquents shall be called over; and

no member who may be in arrears to the Chapter to the amount of *three* dollars, shall be entitled to hold an office, ballot or vote, in any case whatever.

ARTICLE III.

THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

§ 1. The M. E. High Priest, or in his absence the E. King or E. Scribe may convoke a Chapter when necessary. He shall cause the third section of the sixth article of these By-Laws to be read immediately after the opening of the Chapter; also, the third section of the fourth article previous to any balloting; and the proceedings of the last stated and all intervening meetings immediately after the opening of all stated meetings.

§ 2. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Chapter, and all Lodges held under its authority, and shall report to the Grand Secretary all rejections, expulsions, suspensions and deaths as they may occur, and all removals annually. He shall also make the grand annual return to the Grand Chapter.

§ 3. The Treasurer shall keep a regular book of accounts, and receive all moneys which may be paid to the Chapter. He shall deliver to the Standing Committee a semi-annual statement of all accounts, and of the funds of the Chapter previous to the stated convocations in June and December.

§ 4. The Treasurer shall pay no moneys except

by the order of the Chapter, signed by the M. E. High Priest, unless in cases of charity, and then only to the order of the Standing Committee.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the Janitor to take charge of the jewels, furniture, &c., belonging to the Chapter, to place the same in due form and proper order, to see that they be again restored in safety, to notify every member within the town of all meetings, and tile the Chapter; for the faithful discharge of said duties he shall receive five dollars for each meeting.

§ 6. The Steward shall provide such refreshments as the M. E. High Priest or presiding officer may direct; *provided*, that the expenses of the Chapter for any one meeting (except the Janitor's and Steward's fees,) shall not exceed fifteen dollars; and *provided* that this law shall not interfere with the right of individuals to furnish such refreshments as they may think proper; and for the discharge of this duty, the Steward shall receive one dollar.

ARTICLE IV.

PETITION AND ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

§ 1. All applications for membership, exaltation, or for any other degree which can be conferred under the authority of this Chapter, shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, and must be seconded by two or more members, and lie over

until the next meeting, whether stated or special, (cases of emergency excepted,) when the ballot shall be taken, and if he be received *unanimously*, he shall then receive the benefit of such admission, exaltation or other degree, as may conform to his request.

§ 2. Every member who recommends a candidate for membership, exaltation, or any other degree, shall deposit five dollars in the hands of the Treasurer, the said five dollars to be returned if the candidate be rejected; if he be received, it shall be considered as a part of his fee; but if he be received, and does not apply for the benefit of said petition within the course of three stated meetings, it shall be forfeited to the use of the Chapter, and his election declared void.

§ 3. No member or visiting Companion shall make known the member or members rejecting a candidate, under the penalty of expulsion if a member, and if a visitor, of never again being allowed to enter this Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

DUES AND FEES.

§ 1. Every member, except the Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Janitor, and Steward, shall pay at each stated meeting the sum of twenty-five cents. Should any member fail to comply with this regulation for twelve months, it shall be the duty of

the Secretary to summon him to appear at the next stated meeting to show cause why he should not forfeit his seat as a member; and should he not comply with such summons at the end of six months, he shall thereby forfeit his membership.

§ 2. The fee for membership shall be five dollars, which must in all cases accompany the application; but no member shall be charged with the fee who declares himself a member at the time of his exaltation.

§ 3. The fee for the Royal Arch degree shall be one hundred dollars, but for the preparatory degrees thereto, consisting of the Mark, Past, Select, Royal, and Most Excellent Masters, it shall be fifty dollars, and the Royal Arch fifty dollars: which fees must in all cases be paid into the hands of the Treasurer before the degrees are conferred.

§ 4. Any member wishing to obtain a recommendation from this Chapter to the Grand Secretary for a Grand Chapter Diploma, shall first produce the Treasurer's receipt for all dues, upon the production of which, the Council may grant him a certificate to procure the same, or his application may be referred to the Chapter.

§ 5. The expenses attending any extraordinary or called meeting, shall be defrayed by the person or persons for whose convenience or benefit the meeting may be called.

ARTICLE VI.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDER.

§ 1. No ballot whatever shall be taken, unless there be at least seven members present.

§ 2. All subjects on which questions are to be taken, except such as are specially provided for, shall be decided by a majority; and in cases of an equal number of votes, the Most Excellent High Priest shall decide by virtue of his second vote.

§ 3. Proper order and decorum shall be maintained during the meetings, and every member wishing to deliver his sentiments, shall address the Council in due form.

§ 4. Any Companion whose conduct is unmasonic, immoral, or generally offensive to the Companions, shall, by vote of a majority of the members present, be excluhed from this Chapter until a reformation is believed to have taken place, and he is again unanimously received.

§ 5. No member shall be at liberty to withdraw after having taken his seat, without first obtaining permission from the proper officer.

ARTICLE VII.

WITHDRAWING AND FILLING VACANCIES.

§ 1. Any member wishing to withdraw from this Chapter, shall make the same known either in person, by proxey, or in writing; but no one shall be

permitted to withdraw until he has paid all dues, fees, &c.

§ 2. In case of death, removal, or resignation of any officer of this Chapter, the vacancy thereby occasioned shall be filled at the next meeting after it shall have been notified of the fact.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, and Excellent Scribe, shall form a Standing Committee, any two of whom may act, whose duty it shall be to examine the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and accounts previous to the stated convocations in June and December, and report to the Chapter the state of the funds at that time, and to which committee all applicants for charity shall be referred.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.

§ 1. Every proposition for the adoption of a new law, altering or abrogating an existing one, shall be made in writing at a stated meeting, and if seconded, shall be read and laid over until the next stated Chapter, when, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, it shall become a part of the By-Laws.

§ 2. All cases of emergency, and subjects not

herein specially provided for, shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

§ 3. Every member shall be furnished with a printed copy of these By-Laws at the expense of the Chapter.

§ 4. These laws shall go into operation from the passage thereof, and all laws heretofore passed, are hereby repealed.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF

MANCHESTER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

No. XLVIII.

Most Excellent	WM. BRADLEY,	High Priest.
"	JOHN H. HATCHER,	King.
"	LEWIS ROGERS,	Scribe.
Companion	WM. L. HOLT,	Treasurer.
"	JOS. E. SEAWARD,	Secretary.
"	NATHAN EUBANKS,	Captain of the Host.
"	WM. WHITWORTH,	Principal Sojourner.
"	GEO. T. BLANTON,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	WM. W. WEISIGER,	3d }
"	A. A. ALLEN,	2d } Master of Veils.
"	WM. E. DAY,	1st }
"	A. J. SIMMONS,	Steward and Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Most Excellent FRANCIS J. BOGGS, P. H. P.

COMPANIONS.

D. K. WEISIGER,
REV. J. P. WOODWARD,
A. C. GIBBS,
DOUGLAS BAIRD,
WM. WALSH,
JAMES BRIGGS,
CORNELL BRADLEY,
THOS. J. ALLGOOD,
WM. AMBERS,
PETER S. COOPER,
JOHN FORSYTH,
WM. R. WEISIGER,
H. A. PHILLIPS,
ALEX. BAXTER,
HENRY FITZGERALD, SR.,
HENRY FITZGERALD, JR.,
EVAN ALBRIGHT,
THADEUS W. CROW,
JOHN S. WHITWORTH,
N. A. BASS,
BENJAMIN H. NASH.
JOHN A. WILLIAMS,
C. OGDEN,
E. D. OGDEN,
F. C. WEISIGER.

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